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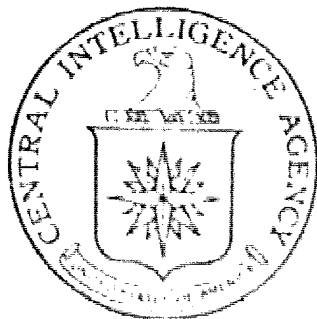
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SOUTHEAST CHINA SITUATION

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SUMMARY

- RAILROAD SPUR now being constructed to LUNG-CHI
- PRELIMINARY RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION appears west of LUNG-CHI
- FIFTY-THREE ARTILLERY PIECES and a large number of trucks at YUNG-CHUN
- NEW BARRACKS AREA located in vicinity of PU-TIEN

This memorandum summarizes significant changes in the southeast China area based on an interpretation of aerial photography flown between [REDACTED]

Items of special interest include airfields, transportation and military and economic developments.

AIRFIELDS

NAN-CHANG AIRFIELD (28°37'N-115°53'E): Aerial photographic coverage dated [REDACTED] revealed the presence of two unidentified aircraft on the field. There was very little other activity at the airfield on that date.

LU-CHIAO AIRFIELD (28°34'N-121°30'E): There were 64 MIG aircraft on the airfield on [REDACTED]

HUI-AN AIRFIELD (25°02'N-118°48'E): On [REDACTED] photography there was evidence of minor damage to facilities on the airfield due to recent high winds and heavy rains. A portion of the roof of a hangar and of a shop building had been blown off. At least one revetment suffered damage due to the slumping or partial collapse of the revetment wall. The west end of the airfield shows evidence of erosion.

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CHING-YANG AIRFIELD (24°47'N-118°35'E): [REDACTED] photography, portions of the eastern section of the airfield were under water. An earthen dike had been constructed to prevent additional flooding of the eastern revetment area, taxiways, and runway.
HAN-TAI, LUNG-TIEN, MA-CHIANG, KAO-CHI, LUNG-CHI, CHENG-HAI and LUEN-CHENG AIRFIELDS. No significant changes noted on aerial photographic coverage of these airfields during the period covered in this memorandum.

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YUNG-CHEN ARTILLERY PARKS (25°20'N-118°15'E): [REDACTED] photography 53 field artillery pieces and 139 trucks were in the area. Very little change in the disposition and number of guns appears to have taken place since [REDACTED]

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FU-TIEN BARRACKS AREA (25°47'N-119°06'E): A new barracks area has been located six miles northeast of Fu-tien near the town of Han-chiang. There are 51 barrack type buildings in the area. This appears to be new construction. There was little or no activity in the area on [REDACTED]

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YING-TAN to AMOY RAILROAD: Aerial photographic coverage of [REDACTED] showed that earth slumping has blocked the railroad at a point approximately six miles south of Yung-an. A 200 foot section of the railroad in a deep cut has been covered.

There are several additional sections approximately 15 miles south of Yung-an in which rocks have fallen from steep cuts onto the railroad, apparently blocking the line.

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Clearing for railroad roadbed construction on the Nan-ping to Fuchou spur has extended east of Fuchou to Ma-wei. Paddy fields are being drained immediately to the east of Ma-wei indicating the railroad will extend to the east beyond Ma-wei.

Railroad construction is underway from a point 6.2 miles north-east of Lung-chi to a point immediately north of the town of Lung-chi. (See enclosures 1 and 2). This route by-passes the Lung-chi airfield. There was no evidence on [REDACTED] photography of construction of a spur to service the airfield facilities which lie on the north side of the field.

[REDACTED] photography there were indications of railroad construction near the town of Nan-ching located approximately 18 miles west of Lung-chi (See enclosure 2). These indications were drying out of paddy fields, preliminary clearing and construction of an access road along the south bank of the Nan Chi (River). It appears that this work may be a preliminary stage in construction of a railroad from Lung-chi west to Mei-hsien and thence southwest to Canton.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION: A new road from Hsu-pu (26°55'N-120°00'E) via Yen-tien to the coastal highway at Sai-chi (26°58'N-119°40'E) has been completed.

[REDACTED] ferries were still the only means of crossing the rivers at Jui-an and Wenchow on the coastal highway (See enclosure 3).

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SHIPPING: At the harbor of Sha-cheng (27°10'N-120°24'E) on [REDACTED] there were seven YP type craft and four small coastal freighters plus one beached hulk and one barge.

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Other shipping activity consists of two 280 foot freighters off Ma-wei on [REDACTED] and four YP type craft at Ma-wei and four at Kuan-tou on [REDACTED]

ECONOMIC

COOPERATIVE FARMING: A cooperative farm is located approximately three miles southwest of Chang-pu (24°06'N-117°37'E). The farm is about two miles long but incomplete photo coverage precludes a determination of its width. There are approximately 25 buildings, some as large as 200' x 25'. Several of the larger buildings are still under construction. A dam about 200 feet long provides water for irrigation of the farm.

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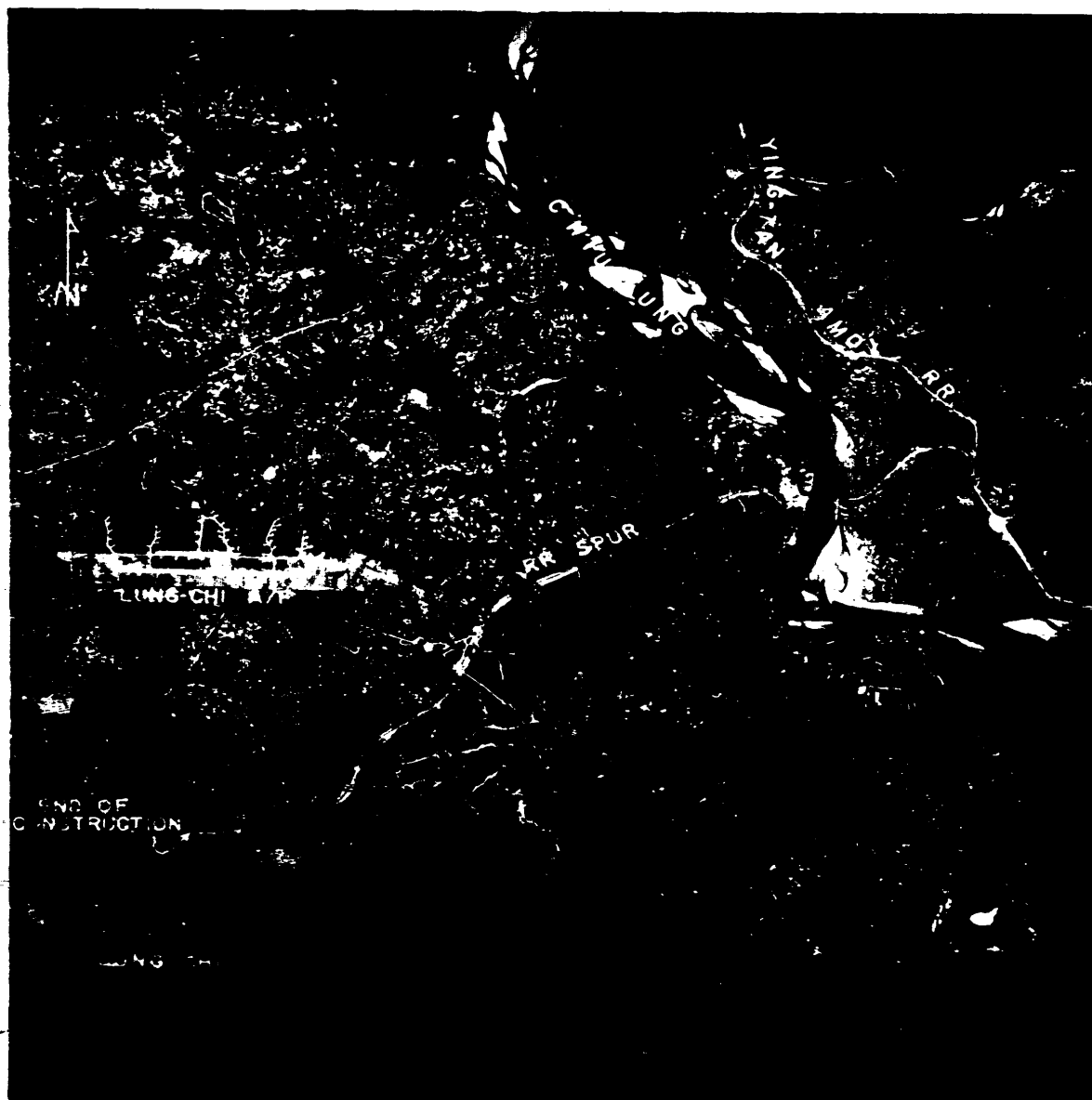
FLOOD CONDITIONS: Flooding in the vicinity of Chin-chiang (24°54'N-118°35'E) is shown on [REDACTED] photography. At this time the coastal highway bridge across the Chin-chiang (River) south of the town had been washed out. The road leading north from Chin-chiang was under water as well as the radio station west of the town and large areas of land to the north and west.

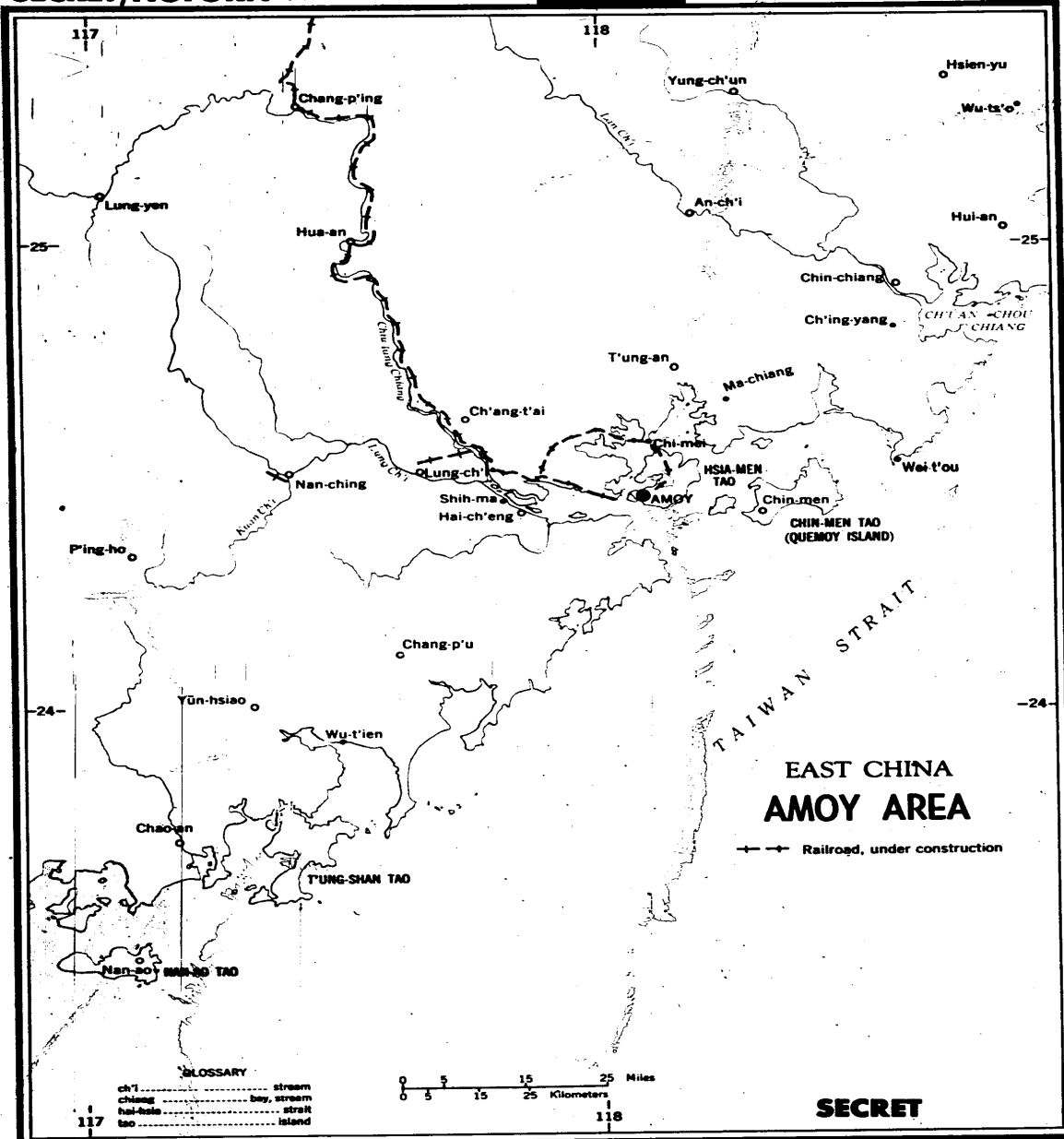
The two dams in the vicinity of Hui-an (25°02'N-118°48'E) showed the effects of excessive rainfall. The up-stream dam and basin were functioning properly, but the lower basin was nearly empty due to a rupture in the surfaced portion of the spillway. A bridge on the coastal highway below this dam had been washed away. A small area adjacent to the dams had been flooded but, in general, there was little serious flood damage in the Hui-an area.

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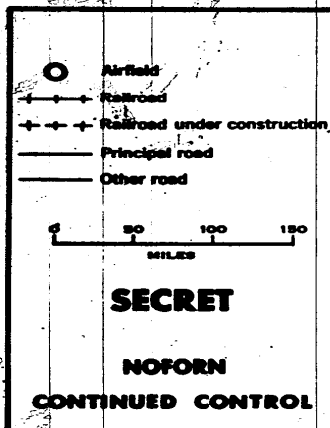
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